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EXAMINING GROUP 1745
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

THOMAS EDWARD BENIM ET. AL.

CASE NO.: DP6945USNA

APPLICATION NO.: 09/832503

CONFIRMATION NO.: 2453

GROUP ART UNIT: 1745

EXAMINER: JANE J. RHBE

FILED: APRIL 11, 2001

FOR: INSULATING LABEL STOCK

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the 03/14/2005 Office Action, applicants submit the amended claims starting at page 2. Because the amendment is believed to place the claims in condition for allowance or reduce issues, such as the rejections under 35 USC 112, for an appeal, applicants request that the amendment be entered.

To place the claims in condition for allowance, applicants amend claim 1 to recite that the face material is laminated to the insulating layer, exactly as disclosed in the specification. See, e.g., Summary of the Invention section.

Claim 11 and 31 are amended to limit the face material to either film or fabric thereby excluding paper, which is disclosed in Tollette, and reducing the issues of other face materials.

Also to reduce issues, applicants amend claim 2 to specifically recite that the face material is film.

It is noted that independent claim 34, as previously presented, limits the face material to biaxially oriented polyester film.

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